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Stein Interview With John Cole

Maine Times Editor Raps On Indians, Censorship

On Maine Times -
"People say to me news in
Maine Times is slanted and
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right it's slanted."

Because Mr. John Cole runs an independent weekly with somewhat more intelligence and foresight than most newspapers in Maine, Stein editors, Patrick O'Regan and Al Diamen, visited him at his Topsham office, headquarters of the Maine Times.

Entering through the battered door and back stairway in need of minor repairs and choosing between three doors marked "This is a bathroom", "This door does not work", and "Here", the daring reporters stumbled upon three attractive young ladies hard at work on the next issue. Requesting Mr. Cole's whereabouts, we were finger-pointed into a white airy room, wherein they attempted to do an interview with Peter Cox. Discovering their error they finally became aware of who was Mr. Cole.

Seated behind a high sided antique desk, Editor Cole looks the stereotype of the status rejecting college professor. Mainely dressed in baggy corduroys and brown apres ski boots, Cole seemed as relaxed behind his work desk as if he had been sitting beside a Ben Franklin stove.

The Stein editors opened the questioning by saying "hello" and mentioning the Maine Times series on the Passamaquoddy Indians.

Q: Do you feel the average Maine citizen is aware of the Indian problem?

A: It's hard to really psych-out the Maine people on the Indians. I don't think the Indians would have been listened to if the Black people weren't being heard. Because we've had many requests for reprints on the series we ran

there in a booklet in the works on the Maine Indians and this will contain the series of four articles that were represented in Maine Times. There are really no works on the Maine Indians. Although they're studied in the schools there's

On censorship -
"When Jefferson said Freedom of the Press he didn't mean freedom to put down facts, he meant freedom of opinion."



photo by o'regan

really nothing written about them.

Q: What about the trust fund that was supposedly set up for the Indians?

A: While Maine was still part of Massachusetts, a trust fund of \$37,500 was set up for the Passamaquoddy. This vanished when Maine became a separate state. Also the state set up a fund in which the money from sale of Indian timber and land was to be put, but the full value of these sales was never put in the fund.

Q: How much research has been done in this area?

A: We did the best we could with the staff we had. We only had one man working on it and it would take six weeks for a well trained researcher to go through the records in Massachusetts and Maine to get the information.

Q: Speaking about money problems how is the Maine Times doing?

A: Very well right now. When we started last October we set a number of ten thousand and paid readers as a goal by the end of the first year. So far we have 7000. I have no worries that we'll go way over our goal October. We still haven't touched the summer people. There are 300,000 out of state property owners. Most of the people who live out of state and own property here care about Maine. These are the people who make up our readership - people who care about Maine.

Q: What do you think about the University of Maine in Portland?

A: I've been down there a few times to talk to people and lecture in classes and I enjoy it. The students are the life of that place. They seem to be there because they want to be there.

Q: What are your ideas on journalism?

A: You've got to produce a paper that provokes people. Otherwise you might as well carve initials on a tree.

Q: Haven't you been criticized for that?

A: Yes, people write in and say your paper is to opinionated. People say to me news in

Maine Times is slanted and I say you're God damned right its slanted. Opinion is what makes the news. You can't turn anybody on with the facts. Newspapers must get away from the feeling that facts are holy. I don't disregard the facts but we use them for spring boards into opinion. Do you think this is the trend in communications?

A: I feel that more and more the young people are going to force the established newspapers to change their view. The wire service idea of journalism is bullshit. This will bring about the real death of journalism. The TV commentator doesn't have to say anything. He just has to show a picture of some kid having his head smashed open by a copy in Chicago to set the point across. The people identify with the kid. The wire services got ahold of it and say "Fifty demonstrators were arrested outside the Hilton Hotel. There were some injuries." This means nothing. Hasn't the New York Times attempted to do this in a few of their articles?

A: Christ! The Times - everytime they put an adverb in a sentence the whole building shakes. It's such an institution that they are resistant to change. They have indicated some leaning toward this trend.

This interview has been edited because of Mr. Cole's freewheeling style. We have admired his frankness and honesty and the lack of uptightness that is usually common to people in positions of responsibility.

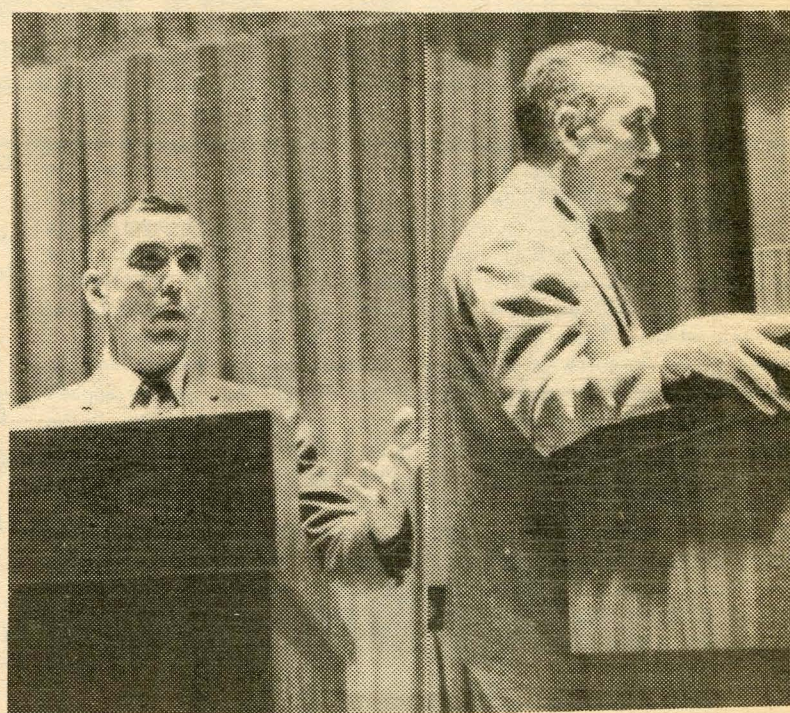
Chancellor McNeil Here

On Tuesday the fourth, the faculty and student leaders met with the newly elected Chancellor of the University of Maine. Dr. Donald McNeil, a former University of Wisconsin administrator, first of all gave a brief summary of his feelings and impressions of the current system. He continued to express, however, that since he had only been in "power" for four days it was too early yet to provide any concrete decisions and policies that he planned to pursue. The essence of his opening remarks was to underline the need of binding together for the common development of the eight state universities.

He pointed out the unique situation that somewhat attracted him to this state, noting the recent law which allows eight campuses to exist together in one system, under one chancellor, and a board of trustees. Dr. McNeil said that this situation "will be a great challenge" to develop into an excellent system within ten years. He continued, "Students are the most important part of this system." The Chancellor then noted that he was not for student revolt but that students' rights should be voiced peacefully.

One of the greatest convictions of his philosophy of education is civil rights. "The Indian problem cannot be ignored," where he noted, "in this state it approaches extreme seriousness." Dr. McNeil then cited the case of the complete absence of American black students on campus. "With 400 blacks in this community, there is something wrong if not one college student from the Portland area avails himself of these fine facilities." He would elaborate no further at this point, but he almost gave the opinion of his entertaining thoughts of some kind of integration program.

The Chancellor, who started his official duties last week, sees this campus in Portland and the campus in Gorham as his major concern in the new system. With these combined facilities,



Dr. Donald R. McNeil

he hopes to eventually create an excellent southern Maine educational center plus the possibility of UMP becoming the prime candidate for a second research area.

The Chancellor emphatically voiced his desire to create a strong and complete communications link among all members of the faculty, the student body, and himself. This is probably his most fervent desire because without communications progress is impossible. He said that he is willing to hear all opinions and welcomes any help concerning University affairs, policies, etc., that may be bothering anyone connected with the entire system. He concluded by saying, "I am on your side."

-By S. Perry - S. Rankin



On Janis Joplin -
"People with ideas always make the best use of technology."

Marriage Series Continues

"Family Finances" will be the topic of the second Preparation for Marriage program on Thursday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m. in Bonney Auditorium. Mrs. Grace Dickstein of the Portland Child and Family Services will discuss the financial problems and questions of newly married couples including topics suggested by students such as budgeting, insurance, furniture purchase, and home rental or purchase.

All students are welcome, questions and discussion are invited.

On March 27, the series will present Dr. Amy Cattley speaking on "Pregnancy."



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EDITORIALS

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	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1. Do you feel that the STEIN has improved on last year's paper ?			
2. Do you feel that straight news is more important than opinionated reports?			
3. Would you rather read a news sheet, with announcements and more sports, and less opinion ?			
4. Do you think the STEIN should be censored ?			
5. If it was necessary to charge a nominal fee for an enlarged paper (this will not happen - but just for the record) would you be willing to buy it ?			

Finance Committee Abolished

by Stephen R. Lamb

In a move considered praiseworthy by many students, the UMP Student Senate voted last week to abolish the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Peter Goranites moved that the Finance Committee, which had existed as a body separate from the Senate, be abolished and re-established as a standing committee, thus placing it under the control of the Senate. The executive committee of the senate will act as a review board to investigate new ways of disbursing the student activities fee, until now controlled by the Finance Committee.

Senator Goranites listed 10 objections to the old committee: (1) \$4067.77. Mayor LeBreque dismissed the representatives were selected, not elected; (2) the files were allegedly kept secret; (3) the committee met only infrequently; (4) the meetings were closed to the student body; (5) the 4-member quorum meant that 3 members could decide the allocation of funds; (6) the Senate collected the activities fees, but had no power over the allocation; (7) only select portions of the minutes of meetings were revealed; (8) the Senate could review, but not change decisions; (9) the Senate could rescind (null or void) decisions, but could not alter any; (10) amendments to the Charter of the Finance Committee were passed by 2/3's approval of the Senate, plus 2/3's approval of the Committee, thus giving the Committee a veto power.

Rocco Marzilli, Senate Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, agreed with several of the objections and revealed that the Committee was in the process of revising its charter. But the Senate was unappeased and voted to abolish the Committee -- 8 in favor, 1 against, 3 abstaining. A temporary committee has been established until the review board makes its report at the next Senate meeting. This committee will act solely as an advisory committee in the allocations, while the actual decisions will rest with the Senate. Campus Mayor Rudy LeBrecque reported that total loss for Winter Carnival Weekend was \$225.95 (expenses, \$4293.72; income, \$4067.77). Mayor LeBreque discussed dividing responsibility for future weekends among clubs and classes, rather than leaving it all to the Winter Carnival Committee. He has suggested eliminating the semi-formal, and will investigate ways of coordinating weekends with other colleges; for example, joint weekends with UMP and Gorham State, or joint events, such as one concert for both campuses.

Results of the recent voting: Frank Wood was elected Sophomore Class Representative. In the referendum vote, both questions were passed -- the first 216-20, the second 264-27. Senator Bob Doucette stated that after March 28, any money or books left in the student book exchange will become the property of the Senate.

Special Art Theatre Report

Lighting - 24

*U.M.P. has no outdoor open air theatre
but stiffness still in our limits and faces
prolongs the spell of winter
And spring rhythmic dancer remains
hiding behind stone-capped hills*

*Inside the warmth of a building
our faces soften
walls become fire rather than stone
and the mind's eye continues pleading
for the lost dancer to return*
*Shakespeare and all the other playwrights
(Sean O'Casey - DRUMS UNDER THE WINDOWS)
will have to come in from the
snow and rain -*

An inside stage needs lighting - that's obvious. But stage lighting requires more than merely filling up the stage area with light, the way in which frends (lights which diffuse their rays over a wide area) and leko's (lights which can be controlled and centered) are used can greatly enhance or detract from a play's power. During the course of a drama, the direction in which lights are arranged and the combination of colors used (gells which are inserted in front of the spot lights) are worked into each scene.

Some aspects of L.B.A. reduce the impact of stage lighting. One drawback is the linoleum floor - this causes the lights to bounce onto the wall rather than penetrate the area in which it is directed.

If UMP had a theatre, it most likely would have a wooden stage which could not only make the lighting more effective but also introduce possibilities of building sets for the play (since the floor could be used to nail flats into). The amount on light the Art Theatre has is another problem.

For the play that Mr. Power is directing this semester- DRUMS UNDER THE WINDOWS - by Sean O'Casey, a following spotlight would help indeed. But the Art Theatre will manage with the equipment it has and for the first time produce a major full-length play March 26-29.

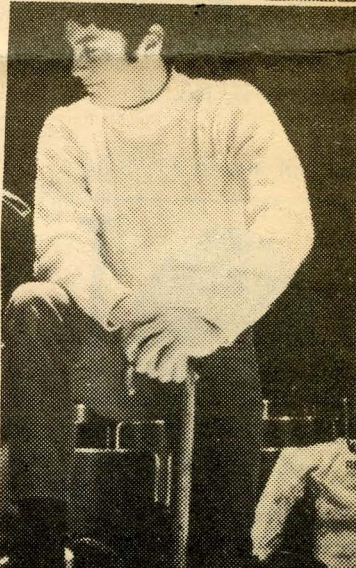
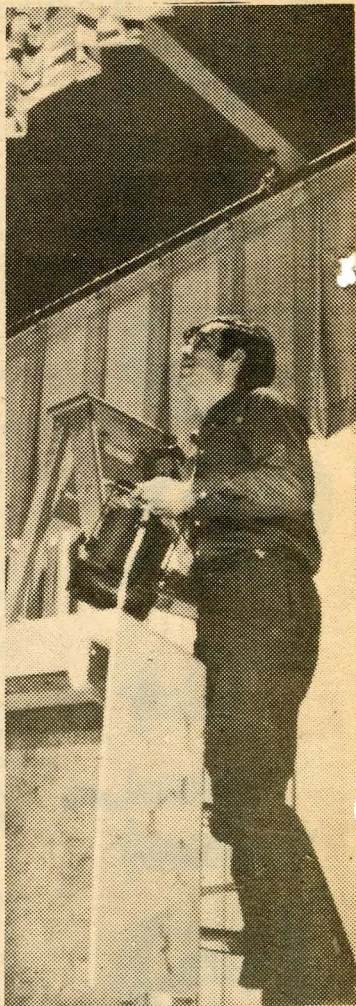
Costumes -

Have you a billy club, a monocle, a red robe, or a roman collar hanging around the house? Or perhaps a tacky old sweater, a wide brim tweed cap, old woven shawls or waist cinchers?

If you do then you are just the person we are looking for. These articles plus "ALL THE WIGS AVAILABLE" are needed for the Art Theatre's production of DRUMS UNDER THE WINDOWS to be staged March 26-29 in LBA.

If you care to contribute any or all of the above, please contact Mr. Power, Jan Chaisson, Linda Gibbs or Bonnie Kerr.

DRUMS UNDER THE WINDOWS consists of forty five parts played by eight actors. The result is numerous costume changes, to add authenticity to the characterization.



Late Bulletin: Finance Committee Reinstated

In a special meeting Tuesday, the Senate members voted to table action on a new Senate Finance Committee budget until the next meeting.

This action came after a heated discussion on the new constitution. There was much questioning regarding the clauses containing the words "Confidential Meetings". Many objected to these meetings. They felt in order to have an informed student body you must have open meetings.

In other senate action, the members voted unanimously on a resolution which would change student drinking regulations to conform with the state laws. This is only a recommendation and must be approved by the administration.

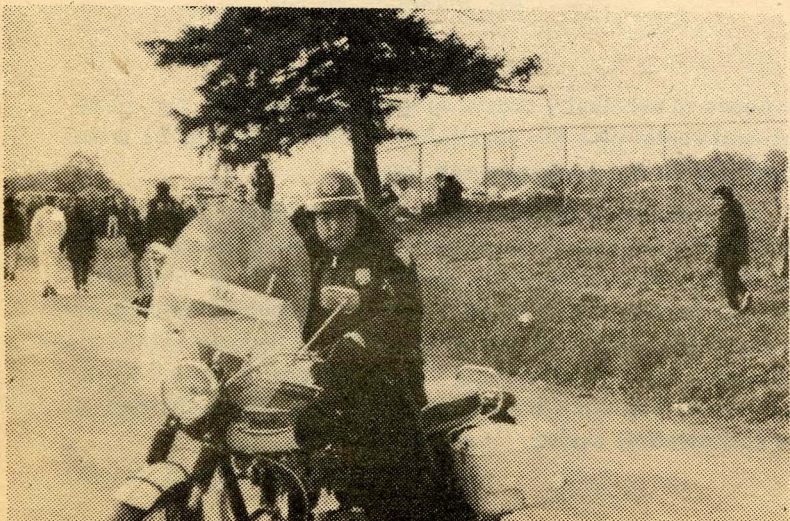
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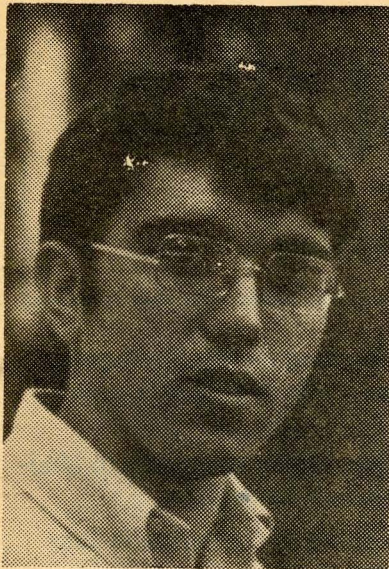


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In Sport
Olympics
player
at UMP
New record
by Mike Young

How will the Boston Red Sox do this year? Well, perhaps we should look at their strong and weak points.

The Sox biggest strength is their fans. Boston is a good sports city, as much as I hate to admit it, their fans are avid and touchy. When things are going good, they back their teams all the way when things go bad they complain but still back their teams. Strong support is very essential to the performance of a team. They help to the players "up" for a game. Another strong point for the Red Hose is their hitting. Harrelson can hit, but I doubt like last year, Yastremski can also hit, but is not a superstar. Scott is probably the best of the bunch but played poorly last year, I think because he and Manager Dick Williams don't see eye to eye and Williams will be back this year. Andrews, Petreocelli and Smith are major league hitters, and should Conigliaro come back, they will have a sound offense and Joe Lahoud looks promising.

The Sox defense is a fine one. Scott, Yastremski, Andrews, Jackson and Petreocelli are above average fielders. Good defense can save one or two runs a game.

The coaching staff is a fine one, good baseball men all around and their owner, Mr. Yawkey, will do anything to help his club.

Now to their weakness some of which are very influential. The pitching staff does not look good at all. Last year Ellsworth and Culp had decent pitching but the American League batters don't know much about them, they both are a little old, and most pitchers last year had good seasons so that's not speaking touchingly of Culp and Ellsworth. Now to Mr. Lonborg, who I think is the most over-rated pitcher in baseball. Sure he won 20 games in 1967, but with an ERA of 3.27! Look at McLain, Gibson, Drysdale, Keesman, Seaver, Marachial, Stottlemeyer, Bahnson, I could go on about 6 or a dozen more pitchers with better credentials. Lonborg also lead the hit batsmen. I don't believe he will ever have a truly great year. Some of the young pitchers look good, but not ready to lead a pennant winner.

Another sore spot, is that there seems to be some dissension on the club -- this is the most single factor that could make a ball club fall apart. Mr. Williams has been known throughout his managing career, not to get along well with many players.

All in all, you Red Sox fans should not look forward to a flag in Boston. Sweet Music.

Literary Hour
Presents St. Patrick
Day Reading

In tune with the season Professor Edwin R. Hanson will read selections from Irish drama at the literary hour Tuesday LBH. Twentieth century dramatists have written almost exclusively in prose but poetic Drama has been delightfully characteristic of the Irish.

Professor Hanson will read the final scene from JUNO AND THE PAYCOCK by Sean O'Casey and selections by Lenox Robinson and J. M. Synge.

Coffee will be served.

"Save The Barn"
Committee Meets

The Save the Barn Committee decided at their meeting last Tuesday to start raising funds to hire a consultant. The consultant would give an estimate of the cost of converting the barn.

Members of the committee will canvass local groups and students to raise the necessary funds.

They are also forming a list of recommendations for possible uses of the barn.

The committee will be holding another meeting on March 25, at 1 pm in the Student Union. All students are urged to attend.

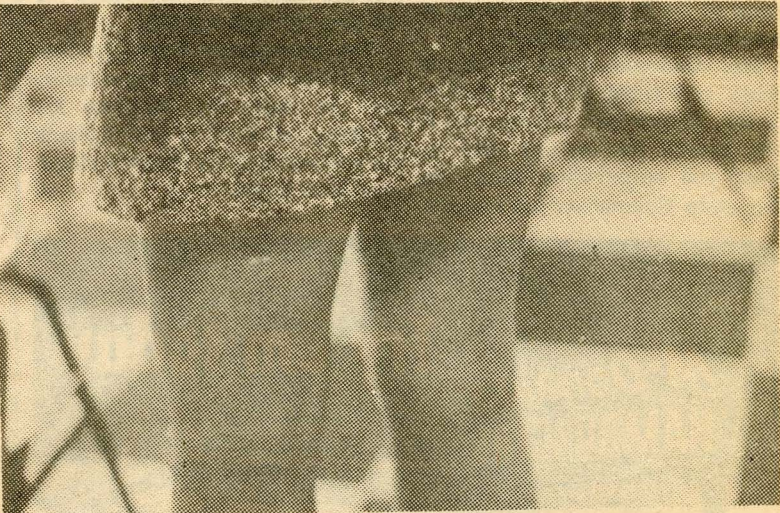
Anarchists Reorganize;
Announce New Policy

The newly reorganized Anarchio-Syndaclist Leage announced its policy of with-holding member's names in a press conference this week.

"The policy was made necessary by outside pressure on the organization," said the newly appointed Minister of Control who asked that his name not be used.. According to rumors that circulated at the Anarchists' latest mass rally, the group's Ministers of Truth and Security are preparing a list of demands for reform.

One member who asked that he not be identified, said the League would stop at nothing to get a rigid enforcement of their demands. League leaders had no comment on that statement.

Plans for the spring formal featuring a yet unnamed revolutionary rock band were discussed as part of a fund raising drive. The money will be used in the giant spring offensive. Possible targets of the demonstration were discussed, but these areas were not released.



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8. All-Stars	3-6
9. Booters	3-7
10. Hockawees	3-7
11. Caesar's Five	2-8
12. Plaintiffs	1-8

Mental Retardation
Conference May 6

The Portland Campus of the University of Maine will host an all-day Conference on Mental Retardation Tuesday, May 6 in the Luther Bonney Hall Auditorium. James V. Sullivan, associate professor of physical education at UMP, is coordinating arrangements at the University.

The second such conference to be held at UMP, in recent years, it is sponsored jointly by the Maine Bureau of Mental Health and the Greater Portland Association for Retarded Children.

Last week the intramural teams played nine games. Following are the results of the games.

Defenders	50	Speed	49
Res Ipsas	57	Seegram Club	55
Seegram Club	85	Plaintiff	50
All-Stars	48	Soccer Club	78
Faculty	74	Res Ipsas	61
Booters	62	Boxing Club	83
Speed	55	Heckawees	44
Defenders	66	Caesar's Five	58
Soccer Club	65	Plaintiffs	25

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International Relations Club News-letter

French Embassy Secretary Andre Gadreau, in a discussion of Recent Developments in Franco-American Relations, asserted last Tuesday that "there is no basis for claims in the United States that France and President DeGaulle are a major problem for the United States."

The French official appraised Mr. Nixon's recent visit to Paris as a complete success and a positive step toward resumption of meaningful discussion between the two governments - a factor that was grossly neglected in the Johnson administration.

In defense of French disagreements with the U.S., Mr. Gadreau expressed his view that no one disputes the right of the United States to have its own policies and that, in view of the position of France in the European Community, no one should dispute the right of the French government to formulate its own policies.

Mr. Gadreau cited two basic goals of French Foreign Policy: 1) the search for peace, and 2) the search for detente with the East and cooperation within the European Community and between

Europe and the world. The areas of primary importance in the search for peace are considered to be Vietnam, the Middle East, and Biafra. Mr. Gadreau emphasized that under no circumstances is French interest in the Mid-East motivated by a desire to supplant United States or British influence.

With regard to the second goal of French policy, Mr. Gadreau stressed that neither does France refuse to talk with its European friends in matters of interest to the European Community at large, nor does the French government have any intention of withdrawing from the Atlantic Alliance.

The French Secretary added reservations to European economic integration, by explaining the view of his government that enlargement of the E.E.C. at present would greatly reduce the possibilities of full and meaningful integration for the present membership.

The International Relations Club would like to take this opportunity both to thank Mr. Gadreau for speaking at U.M.P. and to thank the student body for the enthusiasm displayed in our guest.



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Fertility Festival Here




There will be a Fertility Festival sponsored by a private organization at Higgins Beach Inn, Friday, March 15 at 8:00 P.M. Come join in the Bacchanalian revelries! If you can't come with a date, come alone. Clothes will be checked at the door. *BYOB. All are welcome. *Bring your own body.

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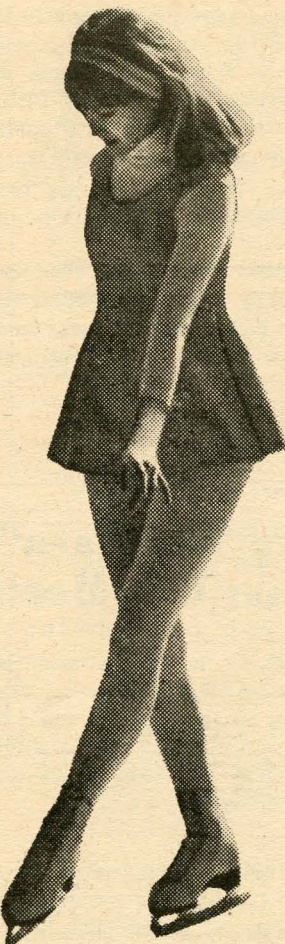
WE SHIP EVERYWHERE

On April 10, eighteen English college students will arrive at UMP for a ten day visit. The students will visit classes and area schools. They want to meet Americans and get to know American students. Living quarters are needed for the students. If you would like to host a student pick up an application at the Office of Student Affairs or come to a meeting of the International Education Club, Wednesday at 3:00, room 8 of the Student Union.

Applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the STEIN are available in the STEIN office in the Cape Cod. Anyone interested in working on the STEIN in any capacity should also come over.

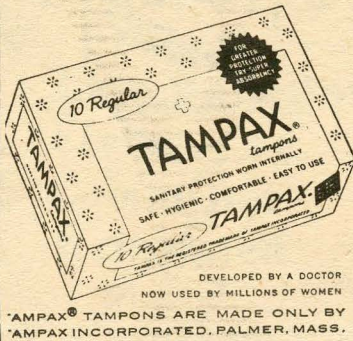
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by Frank Wood

It is autumn and October Marching on the Pentagon. The system doesn't work. Doesn't pay to picket or sign petitions. Must confront.

November and winter is coming. Some one going to challenge Johnson. How foolish. Doesn't he realize.

It is March and the war still going on. America is losing its soul if it hasn't already.

It has been a cold day but I still enjoy talking to people in New Hampshire: mill workers, housewives, insurance-men, and students. And they seem to even care. The snow is melting and something is happening.

McCarthy made a fool out of the analyst and now they are eating their pre-primary authoritative election predictions.

Lyndon Johnson is no longer the enemy. He isn't running and there is a bombing halt and McCarthy is winning, and RFK is running, and spring is coming.

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RICHARD NIXON IS PRESIDENT

I lost. They aren't going to let me win. The system must change. America stop killing in Vietnam and start feeding children. I am still waiting for spring.

Schizoid Reactions

Of McDaniel

In light of recent indications of unrest on this campus, it might be wise for UMP to take alook at how other schools are preparing to meet student unrest.

The Texas Senate, at this writing, seems sure to pass a bill making it a crime to disrupt schools. The bill, sponsored by a Fort Worth Representative, would provide fines of \$1 to \$200 and/or a jail term of ten days to six months for persons acting together who wilfully engage in "disruptive activity at public or private schools or colleges." Any student violating the bill three times would be automatically barred for two years from a school that gets state funds.

Of course, this bill would not apply everywhere. As one Texas senator put it, the bill would not affect those "who walk around and cuss professors. They can still carry their dirty signs . . . that's pretty well established."

Another unfortunate aspect of the bill pointed out by the student paper of Texas A & M (a school with a fine military tradition) is that the bill could conceivable admit new martyrs to the New Left Hall of Fame for less than the price of a movie ticket. Under a Senate amendment, the minimum fine was reduced from \$25 to \$1.

The Pine Tree State could do well by taking this cue from Texas. Maine has never really been noted for its foresight, yet we now have a unique opportunity to nip the growing menace of student dissent in the bud.

Presently on this campus, we are threatened by a group which would destroy tradition for the sake of new, untested ideas. If UMP wishes to continue unmolested on its journey toward high quality education, we cannot afford the turbulence of anarchy and tyranny.

The time to act is now. First, let us seek the aid of our Portland community in supplying law enforcement officers on the campus. Two uniformed officers to patrol the corridors and a single plain-clothes detective to cover such areas as the cafeteria would prove most helpful. Perhaps some kind of reward system could be offered to loyal students informers.

Next, we must move to the state level for Senate support similar to that Texas proposal. Only after such support can we feel assured that the University will be free from the disruptive elements which are worming their way into so many colleges and universities.

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